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established psycho-physiological conclusions; it has its laws, its experimental method, its classification, its technique; it can no longer be justly denied the rank of a science."

Various styles of chirography are reproduced in facsimile, and from an analysis of these, certain signs or characters of writing are determined, and the author attempts to establish a definite relation between these signs and (1) the superiority or inferiority, (2) the intelligence, (3) the moral character, (4) the will, (5) the æsthetic sense, (6) the age, (7) the sex, and (8) the pathological tendencies of the individual. The volume closes with a chapter of instructions to amateurs on the analysis of handwriting.

The collection of autograph letters and signatures is very rich, and of unusual interest to the lover of such matters.—W. I. THOMAS.

Die Apostelgeschichte St. Lucä in Bibelstunden für die Gemeinde ausgelegt. Von W. F. Besser. Dritte Auflage. (Halle a. S.: R. Mühlmann, 1896, 3 vols., M. 10.) This is part of an exposition of the entire New Testament in plain language for ordinary readers. Twelve volumes have already appeared. The work has been most cordially welcomed in Germany, and parts of it have achieved a great circulation and have passed through many editions. Though intended for popular reading, and not encumbered with the discussion of critical questions, it is the fruit of scholarly study. Besser writes from the standpoint of a strict Lutheran believer, with much insight, much weighty thought, and much gracious emotion.—FRANKLIN JOHNSON.

A Man's Value to Society: Studies in Self-Culture and Character. By Newell Dwight Hillis. (Fleming H. Revell Company, pp. 321, \$1.25.) This is a series of essays or lectures or sermons in which very familiar truths are put in pungent, epigrammatic forms. It discusses "Memory," "Character," "Visions," "The Imagination," and kindred themes, with remarkable profusion of allusion and anecdote. At times it mounts to a height of vision and oracular utterance which reminds us of Emerson, but anon the miscellaneous incidents and exhortations bring us to the level of Samuel Smiles' *Self-Help*. Yet the tense and nervous apothegms in which the work abounds must drive home many a needed truth to the minds of young men.—W. H. P. FAUNCE.

The Divine Life in Man and Other Sermons. By Frederick A. Noble, D.D. (Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1896, pp. 311, cloth, \$1.25.) In this volume of fifteen sermons we have